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Mr. John F. Hixon
Vice-President & General Manager
Alliant Techsystems Inc.
Allegany Ballistics Laboratory
State Route 956
P.O. Box 210
Rocket Center, WV 26726-0210

Re: Allegany Ballistics Laboratory's reactivation of PWC and the proposed reactivation of PWA.

Dear Mr. Hixon:

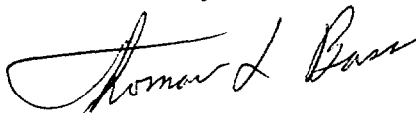
The Office of Waste Management/ Site Investigation and Response (OWM/SIR) has reviewed the letter sent to Mr. Bruce Beach, US EPA Region III, notifying Mr. Beach of ABL's intent to connect "A" Well to the Plant 1 boilerhouse and advise that "C" Well has been connected to the boilerhouse system for use on an emergency basis.

OWM/SIR initiated conversations with The West Virginia State Health Department, WV Office of Air Quality, WV Office of Water Resources, and The Office of Waste Management/Compliance and Monitoring and Enforcement, concerning potential regulatory problems with reactivating the contaminated groundwater extraction wells PWA and PWC.

OWM/CME maintains the groundwater within the vicinity of PWA and PWC is considered an RCRA hazardous waste upon extraction. Therefore, this letter is to officially notify ABL to cease and desist groundwater extraction effective immediately within the contaminated areas of the facility except for remedial activities.

If there are any questions, or if you require further clarification, please contact me at (304) 558-2745.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being more prominent.

Thomas L. Bass
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Site Investigation and Response
Office of Waste Management

TLB/dr

cc: Mike Dorsey, OWM/CM
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